

The Honorable Tana Lin

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and  
STATE OF WASHINGTON, *ex rel.* ANDY  
COSENTINO,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SWEDISH HEALTH SYSTEM, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 19-CV-86-TL

**FILED UNDER SEAL**

ORDER

The United States and the State of Washington (collectively, the “Governmental Entities”) have filed an *Ex Parte* Application for an Extension of Time to Consider Election to Intervene, in which the Governmental Entities seek a two-month extension of time, until June 19, 2023, to notify the Court whether they intend to intervene in this *qui tam* lawsuit. Such an extension of time is expressly contemplated by the False Claims Act and the Washington State Medicaid Fraud False Claims Act, which provide that the United States and the State of Washington, respectively, “may, for good cause shown, move the Court for extensions of . . . time,” 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(3); RCW 74.66.050(3). The Court finds that the *Ex Parte* Application establishes good cause.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the Governmental Entities shall have until June 19, 2023, to notify the Court of their decision whether or not to intervene in this *qui tam* action. The Clerk shall maintain the Complaint and other filings under seal for the duration of the Governmental Entities' investigation.

DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.



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United States District Judge

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